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Identical letters dated 8 February 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 8 to 31 January 2010, and a statistical table of air, land and sea violations committed during the month of January 2010 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 8 February 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 8 to 31 January 2010, inclusive

Air violations

On 9 January 2010, between 0720 and 1715 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over Beirut and the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 10 January 2010:

- Between 0935 and 1520 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah, flew north as far as Nabatiyah and circled over the South before leaving over Naqurah.
- Between 1030 and 2025 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah, flying north, and circled over the South before leaving over Naqurah.

On 11 January 2010:

- Between 0725 and 1315 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah, flying north, and circled over the South before leaving over Naqurah.
- Between 0715 and 2300 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over the South, the Bekaa and Beirut before leaving over Naqurah.
- Between 0948 and 1035 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over Kafr Kila and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 12 January 2010:

- Between 0650 and 1620 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over the Bekaa and the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.
- Between 0815 and 1630 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Alma al-Sha'b and circled over the South before leaving over the sea off Naqurah.

On 14 January 2010, between 0605 and 1520 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over the South before leaving over Naqurah.

On 15 January 2010:

- Between 1002 and 1600 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

– Between 1248 and 1355 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over the sea off Byblos and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 16 January 2010:

Between 0903 and 1150 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over the South before leaving over Rumaysh.

Between 1430 and 2000 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Alma al-Sha'b and circled over the South and Iqlim al-Kharrub before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 17 January 2010:

Between 0755 and 1015 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Alma al-Sha'b and circled over the South before leaving over Naqurah.

Between 1033 and 1130 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over Alma al-Sha'b and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over the sea off Naqurah.

– Between 1225 and 1930 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over the South before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

On 22 January 2010, between 0650 and 1915 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Alma al-Sha'b and flew north as far as Jazzine. It circled over the South before leaving over Naqurah.

On 23 January 2010:

Between 0650 and 0950 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Alma al-Sha'b and circled over the South and Beirut before leaving over Naqurah.

On 26 January 2010, at 2330 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving over Naqurah at 1500 hours on 27 January 2010.

On 27 January 2010:

Between 1012 and 1140 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over the sea off Batrun and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over the sea off Naqurah.

Between 1020 and 1150 hours, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over the occupied Shaba'a Farms and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Alma al-Sha'b.

– At 2115 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Rumaysh and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Naqurah at 0455 hours on 28 January 2010.

On 28 January 2010, between 2110 and 2122 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over the sea off Tyre and circled over the South before leaving over the sea off Naqurah.

On 29 January 2010:

- Between 0635 and 1815 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Alma al-Sha'b and flew north. It circled over the South before leaving over Rumaysh.
- At 2210 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over Naqurah and flew north as far as Jazzine. It circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving over Rumaysh at 0445 hours on 30 January 2010.

On 31 January 2010:

- Between 1100 and 1235 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace. They entered over Kafr Kila and circled over the South and the Shuf before leaving over Naqurah.
- Between 1850 and 1955 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace. It entered over the sea off Naqurah and circled over the sea between Sidon and Naqurah before leaving over Naqurah.

Sea violations

On 8 January 2010, at 2145 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat in the open sea in occupied Palestinian territorial waters directed a searchlight for one minute towards Lebanese territorial waters, the Lebanese General Security position and Ra's Naqurah.

On 10 January 2010, at 1945 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat directed a searchlight for five seconds some 500 metres inside Lebanese territorial waters in the region of buoy No. 3.

On 17 January 2010, at 1815 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat in the open sea inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters directed a searchlight for two minutes towards Lebanese territorial waters and buoy No. 1 opposite the Lebanese General Security position at Ra's Naqurah.

On 29 January 2010, at 2030 hours, an Israeli enemy gunboat in the open sea inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters opened fire in the direction of Lebanese territorial waters in the region of buoy No. 8 off Ra's Naqurah. At 2035 hours, the same gunboat directed a searchlight for five seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters in the region of buoy No. 8.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 10 January 2010, at 1500 hours, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight from its Tallat Rahib position towards Lebanese territory to the south of Ayta al-Sha'b.

On 11 January 2010, at 1415 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite the Haddar-Kafr Kila gate directed verbal abuse at

Lebanese civilians who were working on the Lebanese side. The hostile patrol left at 1430 hours, the Lebanese civilians having not reacted in any way.

On 14 January 2010, at 1000 hours, a three-vehicle Israeli enemy patrol inside occupied Palestinian territory drew up opposite the Fatima-Kafr Kila gate. The crews got out and directed obscene verbal abuse at passers-by on the Lebanese side, who did not react in any way. The patrol continued on its way, leaving some elements in position until 1100 hours.

At 1735 hours, some 12 cows belonging to the Israeli enemy were observed coming from the occupied Shaba'a Farms. They violated the withdrawal line on the Birkat Ba'thanil side of Kafr Shuba.

On 15 January 2010, at 2030 hours, the Israeli enemy at its Ra's Naqurah position rotated a searchlight for five seconds in the direction of the Lebanese position facing it.

On 23 January 2010, at 1755 hours, as an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer jeeps that was inspecting the technical fence passed opposite the Lebanese Armed Forces position at Tell al-Ghabayin (Dhahira), 10 men got out of the vehicles and directed a searchlight for one minute towards the guard. Before they left the area, they assailed the guard with abuse and curses in the Arabic language.

On 24 January 2010, at 1135 hours, as an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer jeeps that was inspecting the technical fence passed opposite the Lebanese Armed Forces position at Tell al-Ghabayin (Dhahira), seven men got out of the vehicles and assumed battle stances, directing their weapons towards the aforementioned position. After remaining in that pose for 11 minutes, they left the area.

On 28 January 2010, at 1030 hours, as an army patrol was passing the Fatima gate, an Israeli enemy patrol opposite, inside occupied Palestinian territory, took photographs of the Lebanese patrol and directed verbal abuse at one of its crew, without provoking any reaction.

At 1600 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising eight Hummer jeeps was observed approaching from the south of Ramiyah. Three of the vehicles stopped to the west of Ayta al-Sha'b and five men got out and addressed the sentry in Arabic.

On 31 January 2010, between 1430 and 1500 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol breached the withdrawal line, penetrating some 150 metres into Lebanese territory on the outskirts of Kafr Shuba, at Mazra'at Bastarah. They abducted 18 year-old Rabi' Zuhra, who was herding flocks. At 0230 hours on 1 February 2010 the Israeli enemy handed over the abducted man to United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon personnel at the Fatima gate, who then conveyed him to the Lebanese Armed Forces.

Israeli activities

Over the two weeks since 18 January 2010, the Israeli enemy has been sounding warning sirens all along the Lebanese border.

On 27 January 2010, between 0900 and 1230 hours, the Israeli enemy sounded warning sirens between the towns of Yarun and Ayta al-Sha'b.

Statistical table showing Israeli violations during January 2010

Air violations					*Land violations*					
Military jet	*Reconnaissance*	*Helicopter*	*Total*	*Sea violations*	*Military acts of aggression*	*Field violations*	*Breaches*	*Total*	*Overall total*	*Previous month's violations*
				Violation of territorial waters and firing of automatic-weapons rounds, flares and flare shells over territorial waters	Artillery shelling, detonation of explosives, listening devices	Shining of searchlights, inappropriate gestures, interference in telephone network	Setting up of installations inside Lebanese territory			
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